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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GDR HUMANITARIAN CASES: FRANZISKA MATTHES AND JAMES R.
CARRARA

REF: STATE 032860

1. ON FEBRUARY 18, MISS FRANSISKA MATTHES CALLED AT EMBASSY TO ADVISE THAT SHE HAD BEEN TOLD BY MAGISTRAT OF GREATER BERLIN THAT SAME DAY THAT HER APPLICATION TO MARRY JAMES R. CARRARA HAD BEEN APPROVED. (SHE HAD BEEN TOLD ABOUT TEN TO FOURTEEN DAYS AGO BY THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR-BUERO FUER PASS UND AUSLAENDER ANGELEGENHEITEN-THAT AN APPROVAL TO MARRY WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN EXIT PERMIT.)

2. MARRIAGE WILL OCCUR IN THE GDR AFTER FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION IS DELIVERED BY MATTHES AND CARRARA:

- A. CARRARA'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- B. DOCUMENTATION ON PREVIOUS MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE OF CARRARA.
- C. OTHER DOCUMENTATION ON CAPACITY TO MARRY OF CARRARA. (EMBASSY CAN HANDLE ON AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER BASIS.)
- D. RESIDENCE DOCUMENTATION FROM WEST BERLIN AUTHORITIES. (CARRARA IS NOW IN WEST BERLIN.)
- E. EVIDENCE OF AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP.

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3. UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, MARRIAGE IN THE GDR

OCCURS TWO TO THREE WEEKS AFTER ALL DOCUMENTATION IS PRESENTED TO THE APPROPRIATE GDR AUTHORITIES. (IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW QUICKLY THESE FORMALITIES WILL BE COMPLETED IN THIS CASE.) EMBASSY WILL, OF COURSE, FACILITATE PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTATION IN THIS CASE WHERE SUCH ACTION CAN BE TAKEN BY THIS POST.

4. WE EXPECT THAT IV FOR MATTHES WILL NOT BE ISSUED BY THIS EMBASSY. THIS IS BECAUSE WE EXPECT THE GDR TO REQUIRE ALMOST IMMEDIATE DEPARTURE FROM THIS COUNTRY OR THE SOVIET SECTOR OF BERLIN AFTER MARRIAGE. IT IS MOST LIKELY THAT MATTHES WILL APPLY WITH HER THEN HUSBAND FOR AN IMMEDIATE RELATIVE VISA IN WEST BERLIN.

5. MISS MATTHES SAID THAT SHE WAS GIVEN THIS GOOD NEWS BY A SERIES OF OFFICIALS IN THE MAGISTRAT AND THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, WHO REFUSED TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AND WHO GAVE NO INDICATION OF THE REASONS FOR THE FAVORABLE DECISION.

6. EMBASSY WILL REPORT AS APPROPRIATE.COOPER

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